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METHOD OF MAKING BY INJECTION MOLDING VIA SUPPLEMENTARY CAVITY

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, Tsuyoshi ISHIKAWA and Hiroshi YAMAZAKI, declare that:

1. Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our respective names.
2. We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,967,637 ("the '637 patent") granted on October 19, 1999, and for which invention we solicit a reissue patent on the invention entitled TAPERED LIGHT GUIDE PLATE FOR SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING BY INJECTION MOLDING VIA SUPPLEMENTARY CAVITY, the specification of which is attached hereto.
3. We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended in the attached reissue application.

4. We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

5. We hereby claim foreign priority benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119, of Japanese Patent Application No. 6-203624, filed August 29, 1994, and there are no other foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before Japanese Patent Application Number 6-203624 on which priority is claimed.

6. Applicants verily believe the original '637 patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of patentees' claiming more or less than they had the right to claim in the patent.

7. With respect to the claims, one error relied upon as the basis for the reissue is found in patent claim 12 of the '637 patent. This claim is unduly narrow due to its recitation of "said light guide plate being large in thickness at a position near said incident surface and decreasing in thickness with increasing distance from the incident surface." Accordingly, in the reissue application, new claim 15 has been written such that it omits the above-identified limitation.

8. All errors, including those listed above, which are being corrected up to the time of filing of this reissue declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicants (37 CFR §1.175(a)(2)).

9. We hereby appoint the attorneys and/or agents of Staas & Halsey LLP under USPTO Customer No. 21,171 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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10. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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